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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in reply to the final Office Action dated December 26, 2006. Please enter the Amendment and reconsider the application in light of the amendment and the appended remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.